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TAGS: ENRG PFOR

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER LEE'S SPEECH TO IFPCW 7TH WORLD CONGRESS

SUMMARY

PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW USED OIXYFRG# OF 7TH WORLD  
CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PETROLEUM AND  
CHEMICAL WORKERS (IFPCW) ON OCTOBER &0# AS FORUM TO

PRESENT HIS VIEWS ON BOTH ENERGY CRISIS AND ARAB-ISRAELI WAR.

END SUMMARY

1. LEE ASKED RHETORICAL QUESTION OF HOW 5 PERCENT CUTBACK BY  
ARAB PRODUCING COUNTRIES WILL BE SHARED BY WORLD CONSUMERS.  
IN LIGHT OF RECENT PETROLEUM PRICE INCREASES, HE WONDERED  
HOW ECONOMIES OF BOTH INDUSTRIALIZED AND INDUSTRIALIZING  
PARTS OF WORLD WILL BE AFFECTED. HE CONCEDED THAT ANSWER  
IS UNKNOWN BUT THAT PATTERNS OF CONSUMPTION OF OIL "WILL  
HAVE TO CHANGE PERMANENTLY."

2. ON MIDEAST WAR LEE SAID "ALL THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED  
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UP TO DATE IS AN IN-PLACE CEASEFIRE. . ." HE WENT ON TO

STATE THAT REFUGEE PROBLEM REMAINS AS MOST DELICATE  
ISSUE TO BE NEGOTIATED. LEE SAID THERE WAS LITTLE HOPE  
OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN MIDEAST FOR "MANY MONTHS IF  
NOT YEARS. . ." HE ATTRIBUTED PRESENT CEASEFIRE AND  
CONTINUING US-SOVIET DETENTE TO FACT THAT BOTH US AND SOVIET  
UNION CAN AT LEAST IN SHORT RUN MANAGE WITHOUT ARAB OIL.

3. COMMENT: LEE MADE ONLY PASSING COMMENT ON IFPCW. HE  
MADE NO MENTION OF SINGAPORE REFINING INDUSTRY OR EFFECT  
OF MIDEAST SITUATION ON SINGAPORE. HOWEVER, HE IS  
OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER MIDEAST AND IS NOT TAKING A STAND  
EITHER PRO-ARAB OR ISRAELI. TEXT POUCHED.  
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